

# WHEN WILL CONGRESS FINALLY ACT

(Mr. McGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, CNN reported that the Pentagon is considering a proposal to send U.S. ground troops to northern Syria. This is for a report to President Trump on the war against ISIS due this month.

But the very idea that the Pentagon is seriously considering sending more troops into Syria should be a wake-up call to Congress and to all Americans. Three years after the U.S. first sent troops to Syria and Iraq, Congress still hasn't voted to authorize the fight against ISIS.

Do we really want to send more Americans into war? What is the mission? How does it end?

For 3 years, Congress has failed to do its constitutional duty. Three years of cowardice. Three years of a blank check.

Speaker RYAN promised action in 2016, but did nothing.

When, Mr. Speaker, will this House finally do its job? After 100 more American troops are sent to Syria and Iraq? Five hundred more? A thousand? When will Congress finally act?

Mr. Speaker, I say the time is now.

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# COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF TIM PRENDIVILLE

(Ms. MCSALLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of Tim Prendiville, an active member of Tucson's Irish community and dear friend of my family and mine who sadly passed away on February 14.

Tim dedicated his life to giving back to others. For example, he organized meals and bought sleeping bags for the homeless at Armory Park, and he donated his time to help those who could not read or write send letters to their loved ones.

He was a founding member of Tucson's St. Patrick's Day committee and was honored last year as grand marshal of the annual parade.

He was a gifted storyteller, a reflection of his Irish roots. One of his favorites was the time he sang "Oh Danny Boy" at a dinner with then-Presidential candidate John F. Kennedy.

I've known Tim ever since I was a young child. When I was 12, he delivered the eulogy at my father's funeral. Throughout my life, he has been a constant source of encouragement, and, although we belonged to different political parties, he was somebody who shared widely his faith and belief in me.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply grateful for Tim Prendiville's love and support. My

thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones in our time of grief. I know he is now singing "Oh Danny Boy" with the angels.

# APPLAUDING THE OSCAR DE LE RENTA POSTAGE STAMP

(Mr. ESPAILLAT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the United States Postal Service for its dedication of the Oscar de la Renta postage stamp. This stamp was unveiled today at Grand Central Station in New York City in a wonderful ceremony, and it is part of the U.S. Postal Service's Forever collection.

As a lifelong friend, I dearly miss Oscar de la Renta and care about honoring his work and his memory.

To me and so many Americans, particularly immigrants, he was more than just a designer, he was a good friend and a pioneer. As a member of the Dominican-American community and as a member of the U.S. Congress, it is my goal to highlight the achievement of immigrants who have contributed to American society and culture.

Though Oscar was highly regarded by some of the most prominent figures of our time, including first ladies, he maintained his humility and never cast aside those who were less fortunate.

His creativity, resourcefulness, and love for life are admirable characteristics that made him a true national treasure. Oscar was widely known for his love of country and deep affection for the Dominican-American community.

I am proud to see Oscar's legacy honored and hope to keep his memory alive. Oscar is still with us. Once someone asked him how he wanted to be remembered, and he simply said: As a pretty dress.

# LAUDING MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIPS

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the important role the Manufacturing Extension Partnership plays in strengthening U.S. manufacturing. This public-private partnership consists of a nationwide system of centers located throughout the United States.

Manufacturers can receive several services by visiting a designated MEP center, including workforce development, supply chain development, commercialization, exporting, and many other helpful strategies.

I recently had the opportunity to meet with the Innovative Manufacturers' Center in my home district. The IMC works to increase the innovation, productivity, and growth for manufacturers in central Pennsylvania. Over

the past 25 years, IMC has helped more than 600 manufacturing companies in its 12-county region of the Keystone State.

Mr. Speaker, American manufacturing is a critical part of our economy. I am pleased to see that public-private partnership is working to help support small and mid-sized manufacturers.

These are the businesses that employ our neighbors and produce quality made in America products. I look forward to seeing their continued growth, and I salute the centers nationwide that help them do just that.

# THANKING ATTORNEY GENERAL XAVIER BECERRA

(Mr. SOTO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate California's new attorney general, my friend, Xavier Becerra.

As many of you know, former Congressman Becerra was the Congressional Hispanic Caucus chair from 1997 to 1999. He was our Democratic Caucus vice chair from 2009 to 2013, and also our Democratic Caucus chair for the 114th Congress.

We all know that Attorney General Becerra was a staunch defender of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP, and other support for people in need. He was also a supporter for our DREAMers, for DACA, and for women's rights. He was also a mentor to me. Aspiring new Members who came here looked to him for advice, especially in their first couple weeks here.

I want to thank Attorney General Becerra for coming to a roundtable in my district over in Polk County to visit with so many of our agricultural workers in our community and so many DREAMers. It is so critical for agriculture, for our farmers, and for rural America that we continue to make sure that agriculture continues to be strong in our Nation. As a Californian, he also even starred in Stephen Colbert's "Better Know a District."

So I just want to thank, once again, Congressman Xavier Becerra for being an American Member of Congress, someone who looked out for all of us and defended our values.

# COAL REFUSE-TO-ENERGY LEGISLATION

(Mr. ROTHFUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the progress hard-working western Pennsylvanians have made in restoring our hillsides and streams in historic mining communities polluted by waste coal.

Through the use of innovative technology, workers in the coal refuse-to-